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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Stephen Beurele on October 24, 2006 and October 26, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In The Specification

Page 5, line 4, "syndrome;" should read --syndrome, --.

## In The Claims

Claim 1, line 1, user" should read --a user--; and

Claim 1, line 14, after "limb" insert --,--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

From a review of the prior art, it is neither known nor made obvious, a method of treating deep vein thrombosis in a limb of a user by using a sleeve that provides "negligible compression" as defined in the specification. What is known and stated in the prior art is that compression decreases blood viscosity in the vein, as well as reduces blood volume in the limb on which compression is applied (see J Mal Vasc, 1992,; 17 (4): 329-32)<sup>1</sup>. This is contrary to applicant's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Abstract attached.

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definition of "negligible compression", which means that at body temperature the treatment sleeve does not interfere with any blood flow of the user.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kim M. Lewis whose telephone number is (571) 272-4796. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patricia Bianco, can be reached on (571) 272-4940. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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